

introduction

The City and community of Tigard strongly support the need for a new City library. They have a unique opportunity to create a community center, providing the citizens with a special place for learning, exploration, and cultural activity. The library will represent and support the values of the community, distinguishing it from other libraries in the region. This opportunity is becoming a reality with the design of the New Tigard Library.

Development of the schematic design for the library has evolved in workshops and discussions with the New Library Resource Team, library staff, City staff, and members of the community at open public meetings. A strong project vision statement was developed based upon these discussions and has been the basis for the New Tigard Library design direction.

Site Opportunities

The location for the New Tigard Library is on one of the last remaining natural areas within the metro area, just south of the present Tigard Library and City Hall on Hall Boulevard. The 14-acre site is beautiful with Fanno Creek along its north and east edges. It contains unique elements such as wetlands, breathtaking views, several large mature trees and other natural features that are integrated into the design. The site area for the library development is on the southern

part of the site, which is above and out of the flood plain and away from the natural wetland areas bordering Fanno Creek. The site for the New Tigard Library is a major element in the design concept.

The New Tigard Library includes approximately 47,000 square feet of library and community meeting space. It is positioned on the site to fit within the natural features, including the rolling topography, and several large mature groves of trees. It is outside the floodplain and buffer zone of Fanno Creek. The library is rectangular in plan, oriented in the east-west direction to take advantage of the natural site slope, opportunities for natural daylighting and ventilation, and to maximize the views north toward Fanno Creek. The site is designed to accommodate 120 parking spaces with potential for future expansion. Sustainable site opportunities are being explored. Natural water quality treatment areas are incorporated into the site to the east and south of the building, treating water runoff from the site naturally. The retainage of several large trees mixed with new trees will provide a more mature-looking landscape for the new building.

Design Direction

The library has a strong presence on Hall Boulevard with strong visual identity approaching from the north or south. The main entry lobby to the facility is transparent in design with floor-to-ceiling glass and acts as a light “beacon”, expressing a strong entry to the building and a comfortable common space between the library and community use areas. The central common lobby allows for separated and independent use of both the library and community meeting room, with restroom facilities and a coffee bar serving all users. The first floor contains the Community Meeting Room with ancillary spaces accommodating seating for 164, and the library, which includes the children's area, new books, audio/visual, reading areas, and staff work areas. The library's second floor contains the main collection areas of non-fiction, fiction, reference, and periodicals, the library administration offices and work areas, the young adult area, the Oregon History Room, reading areas, and the Grace T. Houghton Room for reading and special events. The New Tigard Library is designed for ease of access and circulation for the users and workflow efficiency for staff. All areas have direct views to Fanno Creek, so one is always surrounded by natural beauty and light.

The exterior of the New Tigard Library is primarily glass and brick, providing building materials of prominence, durability, and efficiency. The materials exhibit a strong civic presence, and the proposed red brick color relates to the existing City Hall facility, creating a common element for public identity and recognition. The building size and scale are compatible for the site and the building does not overpower the natural beauty of the landscape. The building and site are integrated to make the New Tigard Library unique in so many ways.

The New Tigard Library will be a special place when it opens to the public. It will be a library and a community meeting place. It will be a place to read and inquire; have a cup of coffee; attend a community event; sit in a soft chair and read the paper, magazine or a good book; look to the natural views of wetlands and wildlife, and enjoy the unique beauty and community atmosphere of Tigard.



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project vision and goals

Developing the Vision

The project's vision and goals were generated through discussions with the New Library Resource Team, community input during the library bond issue campaign, library and City staff, the discovery tours to other community libraries, and subsequent meetings. The project vision statement was developed utilizing common themes that emerged from these discussions and will drive the design of the New Tigid Library.

Project Vision Statement

"The New Tigard Library will be a center for learning, discovery, and community, integrated into the unique natural beauty of the site demonstrating environmental stewardship, and expressing the values and spirit of the community."

Center for learning, discovery, and
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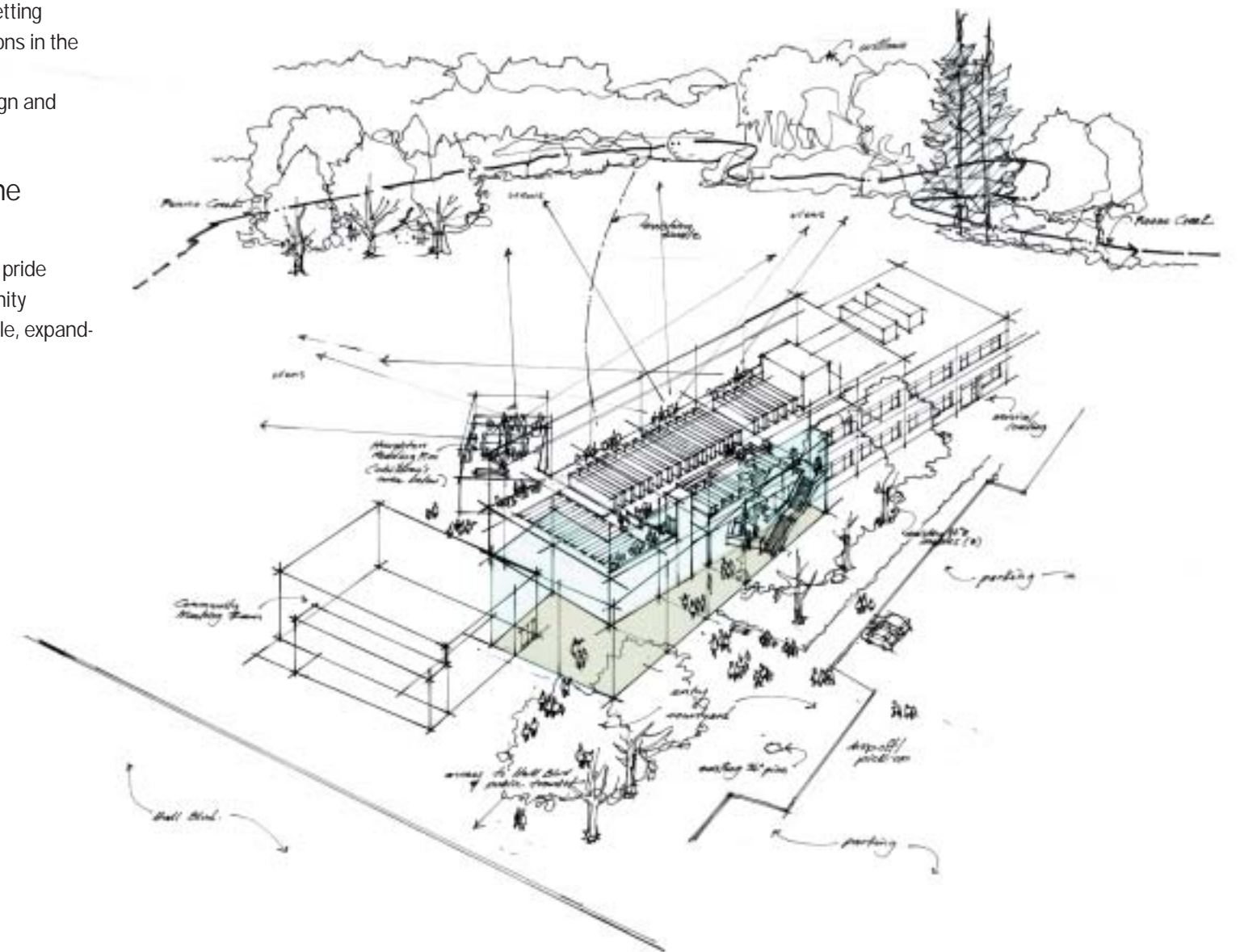
- Strengthens the mission of the library of providing “world-class information and traditional library services”
- Creates a center, providing meeting space, multi-cultural activities, and life-long learning for all ages
- Establishes a community and civic presence on the site, physically and symbolically, setting a foundation for future civic growth

Integration of the unique natural beauty of the site demonstrating environmental stewardship

- Preserves and exhibits the site and its natural setting
- Exhibits sustainable design practices and solutions in the site and building design
- Demonstrates environmentally-responsible design and practices

Expressing the values and spirit of the community

- Fosters community involvement and community pride
- Creates long-term value for the City and community
- Provides a functional, flexible, efficient, accessible, expandable, and inviting facility



Axon sketch illustrating the connection to the site through the stacks